



## A Note From Mayor Hinshaw

Hello to all Indian Head Park Residents!

I hope that everyone is having a great Fall so far, although it seems that Winter has come early this year. So far this Fall we have made good progress on the Village's 2019 Water Replacement Project and the 2019 Village Road Program. The Water Main Replacement Project has been completed in the Northwest area of the Village and is still underway in the Southeast part of the Village. There is still clean up and landscaping that will be finished in the Spring of 2020. I would like to thank all the residents of the Village for their cooperation and patience over the last couple of months, while construction has been ongoing. We know it is not easy or convenient dealing with construction in your neighborhoods. These projects are a necessity for the future of the Village's infrastructure needs. If you have had any property damage and or concerns about work, please call Village Hall at 708-246-3080.

In other news, The Village has also been in the process of updating its ordinances relating to animals within Indian Head Park. This ordinance will be discussed and voted on at our December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting. Our goal is to improve safety and bring our village code up to date with those of neighboring communities. Please remember to register your dogs with Village Hall if you have not done so already.

Other items that will be discussed in our December 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting is the Village's stance on medical and recreational cannabis. Please read the cannabis article on the top of page 9 for more information. Lastly, I invite and encourage all residents to attend our Board Meetings, which are held every second Thursday of the month. If you cannot make a meeting to get your voice heard, you can always visit our website [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov) and go to our Concern & Compliment Portal and address the Board that way.

I wish everyone a happy upcoming Holiday Season, and do not forget to get your picture taken with Santa at Village Hall on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 10:30 - 12:30pm!!

Sincerely, *Mayor Tom Hinshaw*

**\*\*\*Please Remember IHP Water Bills are due December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 \*\*\***

## Santa is Stopping at Village Hall!



**DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 - VILLAGE HALL**

Santa Claus is making his annual trip to Indian Head Park again this year to spread Holiday cheer at Village Hall on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Residents of every age are welcomed to get into the Holiday spirit and join in on all of the festivities including pictures with Old Saint Nick himself, holiday crafts and seasonal treats. Santa will be at 201 Acacia Drive from 10:30 am to 12:30pm, so do not be late!

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## Coffee & Donuts with the Mayor at the Heritage Center

Mayor Hinshaw will host a "Coffee with the Mayor" event from 9 a.m. to 11:00 am, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Heritage Center Library located at 6250 Wolf Road, Indian Head Park. The event is an opportunity to talk about issues, ask questions, discuss concerns, offer comments or suggestions, or just have a chance to meet the mayor and have coffee and donuts. Mayor Hinshaw has hosted these "Coffee with the Mayor" events as a way to meet with residents informally, outside of board meetings and other official events. As always, complimentary donuts and coffee will be provided.



## **UPCOMING** *Events* **DECEMBER**

Thursday, December 12th

*Board of Trustees Meeting*  
7:00pm - Village Hall

Saturday, December 21st

*Pictures with Santa!*  
10:30am 12:30pm - Village Hall

Tuesday - Wednesday, December 24th & 25th

*Village Hall Closed*  
Village Hall will resume regular business hours on  
Thursday, December 26th, 2019

## Preparing for the Winter Months Ahead...

With the cold weather already here, we did not get much of a chance to get everything prepared for the frigid temperatures. Here are just a couple of tips and reminders of what you should do to get you and your house ready for the chilly weather.

### **Outdoor Faucets**

Turn off the water supply to exterior faucets, drain the water from the hose and disconnect it from the outdoor faucet. You may also want to consider an insulated cover for the outdoor faucet for extra protection.

### **Clean the Gutters**

Leaves and debris that accumulates in your gutter can cause clogs and ice dams which can damage your roof and shingles, cause leaks in your ceiling and can also be dangerous for people passing under your eaves.

### **Drain Your Sprinkler System**

Make sure you do this before the first hard freeze. Be sure all of the water is out so underground pipes won't freeze and break.

### **Bring in Outdoor Furniture/Planters**

Freezing temperatures, snow, and ice can damage outdoor furniture, clay pots, grills, etc. If you have room, store them in the garage, basement, or garden shed. Otherwise, cover them to reduce damage from the elements. If you have a gas grill with a propane tank, close the tank valve and disconnect the tank first. It must be stored outside.

### **Stock up on Snow & Ice Gear**

Ice melt, shovels, gloves, etc. all sell out with the first big snow. Make sure you have yours BEFORE the first snowstorm or you may be left high and dry with slippery sidewalks and deep snow. If you have a snow blower, inspect it before the first snowfall to ensure it's working properly.

### **Don't Forget Your Vehicle**

If you change your tires to winter tread, change them now. Carry sand or kitty litter for traction in case you get stuck on ice or snow-packed roads. Create an emergency kit in your car in case you get stuck or stranded in cold weather. Include gloves, boots, blanket or sleeping bag, shovel, ice scraper, flashlight and extra batteries, sand or kitty litter for traction, a tow chain or rope, jumper cables, cell phone adapter to plug into car, snacks like granola bars or energy bars and bottled water.



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## A Reminder that Indian Head Park has Auto-Pay!



The staff at Village Hall wanted to remind residents with Indian Head Park Water Service that direct debit for your water bills is now available. Although Village Staff loves to see our residents when it is time to pay the water bills, we know some residents had voiced their opinions on the convenience of having direct debit. Ask and you shall receive! You can come in and pick up a direct debit form, you can find the form on the website, or call the office and we can email you a sign up form. As always, you can still pay your bill with check, cash or credit at Village Hall, drop off a check in the Village Hall lockbox located just outside of Village Hall next to the mailbox, or go online at [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov) and pay your bill through our online payment portal.

# Cinnamon Honey Carrots for the Holidays

*Recipe by:*

*Kirk Weisbrodt - IHP Building Inspector*



## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (16 ounce) package baby carrots (fresh or frozen)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons butter (or stick margarine)
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. Cook carrots by your preferred method of steaming, microwaving or stovetop, until crisp and tender.
2. In a separate saucepan, heat honey, butter and cinnamon until the butter is melted. Stir to blend.
3. Drain carrots and place in festive serving dish or platter.
4. Drizzle honey cinnamon mixture over carrots and serve!

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# Indian Head Park Pace Bus Route 669 Spared for Now

In October officials at Pace Bus proposed reductions and had announced possible cancellation of eight different bus routes, which included the Village's route Pace Bus 669. Pace Bus route 669 provides weekday



rush hour service to and from Indian Head Park and Western Springs, to the Western Springs Metra Station (BNSF Line). Service stops include to Brittany Court in La Grange Highlands, Wilshire Green in Indian Head Park and Ridgewood Subdivision in Western Springs. Officials at Pace Bus were quick to note that the proposed cancellation of these eight routes were not to balance a 2020 budget, but rather all of the included routes had low ridership.

As of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Pace Bus spokeswoman Maggie Daly Skogsbakken announced that the eight routes, set to be cancelled or downsized, will in fact be spared. "We'll go back to the drawing board" and "We will slow down and try to find a solution that preserves access to public transit while being fiscally responsible" stated Daly Skogsbakken.

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## 5 Commonly Asked Questions in Village Hall

### 1. What are Village Hall Hours?

Monday through Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm, and Thursday we are open late until 7:00pm, come visit us!

### 2. How often do Water Bills go out?

Every other month! January, March, May, July, September and November. Please remember not all residents are on Indian Head Park Water, some are on La Grange Highlands Sanitary District.

### 3. If I have to park overnight on the street, what number do I call?

Please call communications at 708-246-3161. This will connect you to our dispatch center which communicates to ALL officers that are currently on shift, and any officer that will come onto shift.

### 4. Do I need a permit for work being done on my home?

Don't assume you do or do not need a permit. Just call us and ask, we are here to help and happy to do so! Calling the IHP Building Department at 708-246-3080 and asking can actually save a lot of money and time in the long run.

### 5. When do Vehicle Stickers go on sale?

May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of every year, and they are \$65.00 each. Please be aware that sticker prices double on July 1<sup>st</sup>.



# **Sidewalk Masterplan Narrative Moving Forward**

The Village Board of Trustees of Indian Head Park as one of their 2019 – 2020 goals wanted to work towards increasing the sidewalks and pedestrian paths throughout the main roads in the Village. There are four main areas for the sidewalks and pedestrian paths' efforts; Wolf Road, Joliet Road, Plainfield Road, and Acacia Drive. Please view the Master sidewalk plan on the adjacent page.

## **Wolf Road**

Wolf Road is a Cook County owned and maintained road. The goal for Wolf Road is sidewalks on both sides of Wolf Road from Plainfield at the northern boundary to 72nd Street at the southern boundary as part of a "complete street". A "complete street" is like Wolf Road just north of Plainfield with 2 sidewalks, curbs and gutters with a center turn lane. An Invest in Cook grant for determining what is possible on Wolf Road is due to be completed in early 2020. The Village is working towards an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with Cook County to start Phase I. Phase I would create the preliminary engineering for a complete street (if possible) to be paid for by the Village, but the IGA would reimburse the Village for the Phase I cost. John Yonan the Superintendent of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has been involved with our discussion Expected approval of Phase I late 2019 or early 2020. Phase I work would take about 1 year. Phase II would take at least a year and Phase III would also take at least a year. The total expected time to completion is 2022 – 2027.

## **Joliet Road**

Joliet Road is an IDOT owned, and maintained road. The goal for Joliet Road is a sidewalk on the north side of Joliet Road from Willow Springs at the eastern boundary to Wolf Road. Senator Jaqueline Collins has been very helpful in working towards this goal. Senator Collins was instrumental for getting \$175,000 in the State's 2019 – 2020 budget for land acquisition along Joliet Road for a sidewalk along the north side. Senator Collins also had IDOT perform a quick overview of the costs for a sidewalk along Joliet Road for the Village. The high-level estimate was \$4,000,000. The Village is working with Senator Collins to get the project in IDOT's project list for future installation. No estimated completion times.

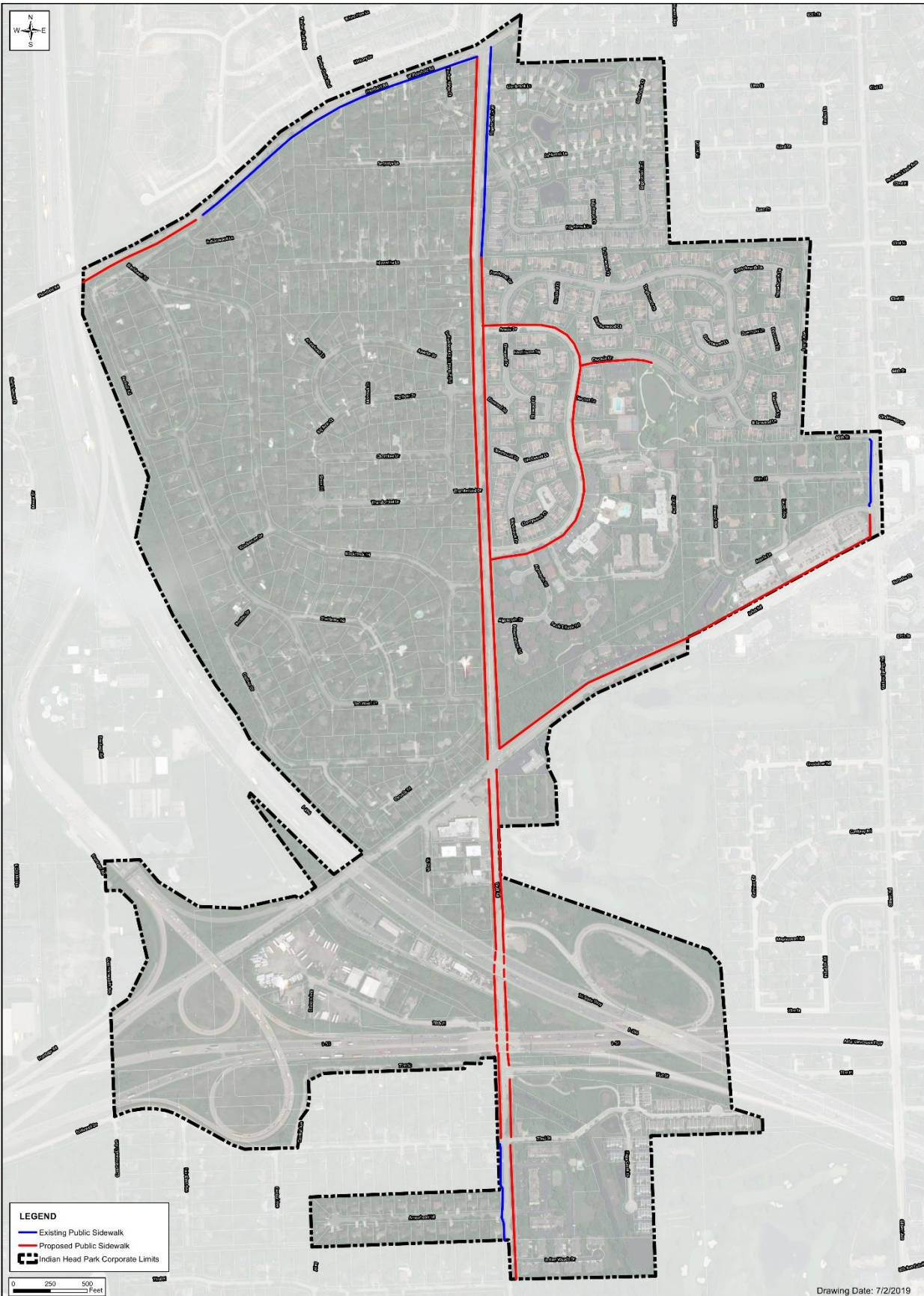
## **Plainfield Road**

Plainfield Road is a Cook County owned and maintained road. The goal for Plainfield Road is a connecting sidewalk from the existing Plainfield & Frontage Road sidewalk to the new planned Plainfield Road Bridge over the 294 Tollway planned for 2022. The Village has met with the Tollway and County planning teams to discuss this plan. The total expected time for completion is when the new bridge over the 294 Tollway is built, currently planned for 2022.

## **Acacia Drive**

Acacia Drive is an Indian Head Park owned and maintained drive. Acacia Drive is the Village's only "Federal Aid to Urban Systems" route, which is eligible for Federal Funding. The goal for Acacia Drive is a sidewalk along the east side from Wolf Road to Wolf Road, with a connection along Cascade to Blackhawk Park. A Phase I plan was presented at the March 2019 Village Board meeting. That plan was discussed in several meetings and in June of 2019, the Village Board approved the Phase II work to look into options for the new sidewalk. The options for the sidewalk are expected in Spring 2020 and the final Acacia Drive completion is expected in 2022.

# Proposed 2019-2020 Sidewalk Master Plan



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## MASTER SIDEWALK PLAN VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

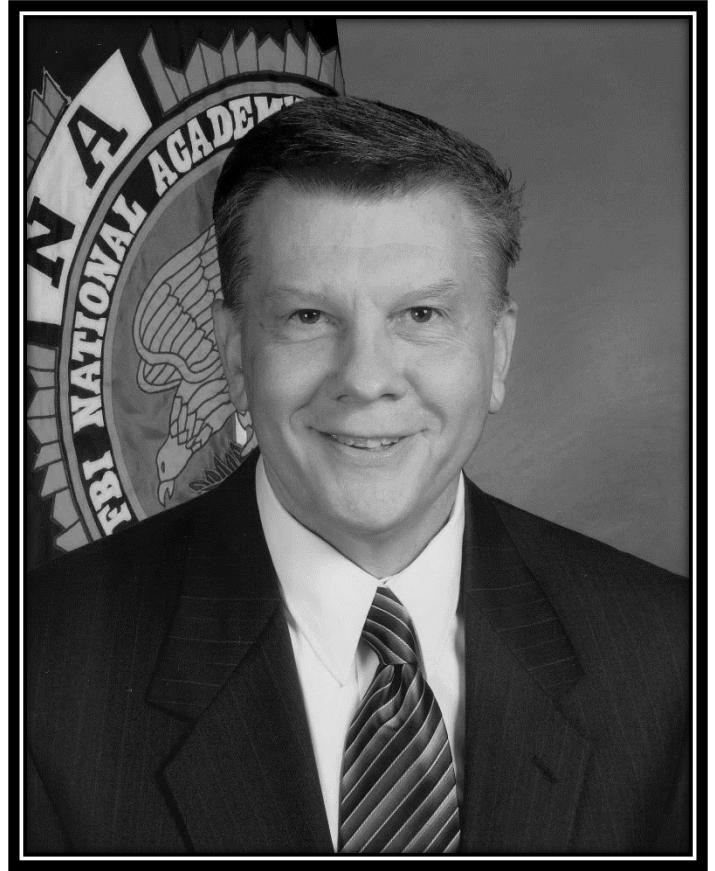
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## In Memoriam of Chief Robert Cervenka

It is with great sadness that we report on the passing of our Chief of Police, Robert Cervenka. Bob has passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Chief started his career in the Village in 1981 as a patrol officer leaving us temporarily for the City of Chicago until his retirement as a Lieutenant in 2011. Hating retirement, Bob came back to us in May of 2016 and began his tenure as our Chief of Police.

Bob was instrumental in re-deploying officers to meet the nuances of the needs of the Village. He introduced higher training standards and promoted professionalism in the department. He also brought in thousands of dollars in grant funding, including our recently installed in-car video camera systems. He was instrumental in the switch from using Southwest Central Emergency Dispatch to Cook County Emergency Dispatch, improving the level of emergency dispatching and saving the Village over \$120,000 annually in dispatching costs.



The Chief was respected by the entire Village Board and staff. He will be missed.

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### If You Love Them, License Them!

After a recent string of dog attacks, the Village would like to remind residents who are dog owners to register their dogs at Village Hall, if they have not already done so. This service is free of charge and helps in reuniting lost animals to their owners, as well as making sure, in general all dogs within the Village are properly vaccinated. All dogs are required to have received their rabies vaccination along with registering, so please bring a veterinarian's certificate as proof of such inoculation. Without proof of rabies

vaccination, the village staff is not allowed to issue a license and tag. Not registering your animal can result in citations and possible Village adjudication hearings. So we ask all owners to our furry friends, please come into Village Hall to register and receive your dog's tag. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Village Hall at 708-246-3080 or email administration at [admin@indianheadpark-il.gov](mailto:admin@indianheadpark-il.gov).



## Indian Head Park's Cannabis Policy

Earlier this year the State of Illinois General Assembly passed, and Governor Pritzker signed, the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, which legalizes recreational Cannabis starting on January 1, 2020. Under this law, municipalities are given the ability to regulate, tax, and prohibit the sale of recreational Cannabis within their limits. At the November 14th Board meeting, the Board voted 4-3 against the "opt out" ordinance that would have prohibited the retail sale of cannabis within the Village. The Board of Trustees is in the process of making a decision as to whether or not to allow the sale of Cannabis in the Village come next year. As of right now, the board has voted to allow the sale of Medical Cannabis within the Village limits. At the December Board of Trustees meeting (Thursday, December 12) the board will continue the discussion to consider whether to allow the sale of recreational Cannabis. The board welcomes any and all input on this matter and appreciates all of the feedback received so far.



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### No Sheds & No Fences Allowed Within Village Limits

The Village would like to remind residents that Sheds and Fences are not allowed within the Village of Indian Head Park limits. Chapter 42-11 and Chapter 42-14, of the Village Municipal Code, prohibits sheds and fences in most cases. If you see that your neighbor has a shed or a fence, it may be because of exceptions within the municipal code or a special use variance was provided. For information on exceptions and special use variances, feel free to call 708-246-3080 or stop by Village Hall, 201 Acacia Drive.



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# Sign Up For Smart911 Emergency Notification System

## What is Smart911?

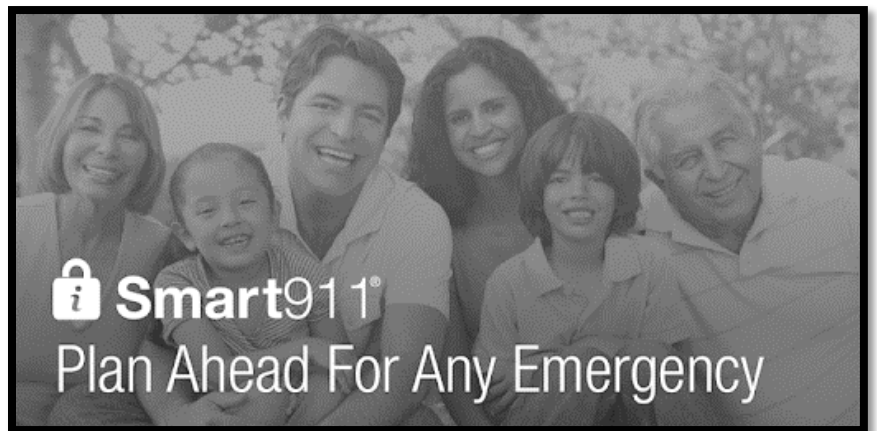
The Smart911 Emergency Notification System is a fast communication service allowing the Village of Indian Head Park to notify citizens of an emergency situation straight from our dispatch center. It enables the Village to provide mass notification quickly and easily, as well as allowing residents to create a “safety Profile” for first responders to know pertinent information that could help if an emergency should occur at your household.

Examples of times when the Smart911 system may be utilized include bomb threats, utility outages, drinking water contamination, water main breaks, evacuation notices and routes, fires or floods, hostage situations, and missing persons. The system may also be used to notify citizens of non-emergency situations as necessary and appropriate.

## Smart911 System:

The Smart911 system will record messages to voicemail and answering machines. When there is no answer at a telephone number, Smart911 will attempt to deliver messages three times before deleting the number from the queue.

If you have caller ID installed on your phone, the Smart911 call may display as an "unknown caller"; however, the number will be (999) 911-9999. Please make a note of this, and do not disregard calls from this number!



Upon receiving a Smart911 alert do not call 9-1-1 unless instructed to do so. You will only tie up emergency lines.

## How to Sign up to Receive Notifications and Create a Safety Profile:

1. Go to [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com)
2. Next, click on the green “SIGN UP NOW” button.
3. Fill out your safety profile information, and then click “CREATE ACCOUNT” button.
4. After you have created your account, click profile settings.
5. Under profile settings, you can opt in or out of certain types of alert notifications. Please click Indian Head Park notifications, and any others that you would like to be notified about.

## How do I know if my Safety Profile was successfully created?

When you complete registration, Smart911 will automatically direct you to your Smart911 Safety Profile and will send a message to your registered email address confirming your account. Smart911 will not deliver your Safety Profile to 9-1-1 answering centers unless you have verified the phone(s) listed in your profile by responding to the text message or automated call placed to that phone.

## Does my safety Profile expire?

No. However Smart911 requires you to log into your Safety Profile and confirm or update your information every 6 months. Even if no information has changed within 6 months, 9-1-1 call takers need to be assured that the information they are viewing during your call is accurate within the past 6 months.

**\*\*\* TIP: REMEMBER TO SIGN IN PERIODICALLY TO KEEP YOUR SAFETY PROFILE CURRENT!\*\*\***

## Heritage Center and Library

The Heritage Center houses the Indian Head Park Village Community Library. During the year residents donate books from their own collection to be shared with others in the community. We have a wonderful fiction and non-fiction collections full of current best sellers, your favorite mystery authors, children's books, and biographies.

The Heritage Center can also be used for community meetings and gatherings, please call Village Hall for inquiry at 708-246-3080 or email [admin@indianheadpark-il.gov](mailto:admin@indianheadpark-il.gov)

The library is always in need of volunteers. Volunteers are responsible for staffing the library one morning or afternoon a month—the more volunteers, the more hours the facility can be open! Please contact Head Docent Jean Southerland if you are interested in volunteering at [jeansoutherland@gmail.com](mailto:jeansoutherland@gmail.com).

Book donations may be dropped off at the Heritage Center during library hours or can be left at the Village Hall in the vestibule.

## Heritage Center Library Hours of Operation

**Saturdays 10:00am - 3:00pm**

**Sundays 12:00pm - 3:00pm**



Indian Head Park T-shirts, Totes and Honey are all sold at the Heritage House. All proceeds directly fund the Heritage Center Community Library.

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## Stay Connected & Follow The Village on Social Media!

Our Village Board, along with Mayor Hinshaw want to keep residents up-to-date as quickly as possible, while being as transparent as possible. One way of making this happen is that the Village updated our website, and incorporated social media platforms such as; Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. We encourage all residents to follow on all or any of the applications available! Monthly Board Meetings are streamed live on Facebook, and Comcast Channel 6!



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**Website: [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov)**



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## Village Board of Trustees

Meets second Thursday of every month

7:00 pm at Village Hall

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

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